

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 8th, the annual report of the fifth annual report of the late state commission was presented by the vice president. Numerous bills, petitions and memorials were presented. Mr. Washburn offered a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to employ or charter a vessel or vessels to carry the four and mail being distributed in this country to the Russian famine sufferers. The resolution was adopted 40-9. In the house, in the absence of the speaker, Clerk Kerr called the house to order. Mr. McMillin (Tex.) was chosen speaker pro tem. A large number of bills were introduced. Mr. Blount introduced a bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of duties on country in a thorough condition of defense.

In the senate, on the 8th, a memorial asking that pensions be granted to the Seminoles Indian war veterans was presented. Resolutions adopted by the chamber of commerce of Seattle, praying a liberal appropriation to place our country in a thorough condition of defense were presented. Mr. Quay introduced a bill to authorize the United States to employ a special agent to investigate debts due the United States and to secure the collection thereof. In the house, a number of executive communications were read and referred. The senate resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to charter a vessel or vessels to carry donations of food and grain to sufferers in Russia at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 was read and gave rise to a long discussion, occupying the entire session. The resolution was finally defeated, being indefeasibly postponed.

In the senate, on the 7th, Hon. David R. Hill of New York was sworn in. Among the bills offered was one by Senator Peffer (Iowa) providing for a government loan of \$200,000 to the farmers of Indiana, and one by Senator Callum to regulate commerce by telegraph. In the house, Mr. Blount moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the senate rejected the resolution appropriating \$100,000 to enable the secretary of the navy to charter ships for carrying to Russia the contributions of American citizens to the suffering residents of that country was indefinitely postponed, which went over. Among the bills introduced was one to repeal the McKinley tariff law.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Botch Spinning Co., a new corporation with a capital stock of between \$400,000 and \$500,000, will erect a new cotton loomery yarn mill in New Bedford, Mass., in the spring.

In the Westcott parish of Brandenburg there was not a single death during 1891. The parish books show that this record has not been equaled since the year 1718. A special service of thanks has been rendered in the parish church.

MISS MARY BRID, aged 22, an actress playing at the Cincinnati Grand opera house, was fatally burned, on the night of the 4th, by the explosion of a bottle of face lotion which she held in her hand unopened.

The state Farmers' Alliance of Minnesota met in annual session at Minneapolis, on the 5th, with about 200 delegates in attendance.

The remains of the late Gen. M. C. Meigs, were interred, with military honors, in Arlington cemetery, near Washington city, on the 5th.

The United States steamer Baltimore arrived at San Francisco, on the 5th, from Chile.

The condition of Speaker Crisp, was on the 6th, considered quite alarming, premonitory symptoms of pneumonia making their appearance. His physicians were confident, however, that he would pull through, but expressed the opinion that it would be a month before he would be able to resume his duties.

C. J. BELL, of Buffalo, N. Y., is accused of embezzling \$6,000 of the county funds recently while deputy county treasurer. His deficit has been made good by friends who will try to avoid prosecution.

There is no longer any doubt that the British steamship Cavalier has been lost with all hands. The bodies of the second officer and steward of the vessel have been washed ashore along the Cornish coast.

A DISPATCH from Adelaide, South Australia, of the 6th, said that the ministry had resigned. The governor had requested the ex-premier, Hon. T. Playford, M. P., to form a new cabinet.

The joint republican caucus of the Ohio legislature met on the night of the 6th and renominated Hon. John Sherman for United States senator by a vote of 33 to 28 for John R. Foraker.

A DISPATCH from Rio Grande City, of date the 6th, says that Capt. Thomas Garza, the deputy marshal who escaped during the fatal fight, has come in to surrender himself. The revolutionists are reported to be badly scattered.

BENJAMIN S. WRIGHT, a noted horseman, died at the home of Horace F. Willis, in Medford, Mass., on the 6th, from a complication of diseases. He was familiarly known as "Uncle Ben Wright" by horsemen throughout the country.

The secretary of the treasury, on the 6th, received a dispatch from Capt. Gabrielson of the revenue cutter Gallatin stating that his vessel struck on a shoal, off Eagle Head, during a blinding snow-storm, and would probably be a total loss. J. Jacobson, the carpenter, was killed by a falling smoke-stack after the Gallatin struck. The officers and crew all escaped and were safely landed at Eagle Head.

The members of the St. Louis commission of T. E. Ellsworth, Turner & Co. have disappeared, together with about \$10,000 for which they have failed to account to consignors.

An engine and a freight accommodation train on the New York, Ontario & Western railroad, collided at Snyder, N. Y., on the 6th. Engineers Sheehan and Young, and Albert Cady, a fireman, were killed. The boilers of both engines exploded when the collision occurred.

Mrs. J. W. MARTINEZ CROSS, has just been discovered in Glenn county, Cal., by a detective who has been hunting for her for several months. Mrs. Martinez is the only daughter and heir to the fortune of fully a million dollars left by ex-congressman Cross, of Vermont, who died in July last. Mrs. Martinez eloped from Washington with her husband ten years ago.

A WAR on Sunday newspapers has been inaugurated by the Law and Order society of Pittsburgh, Pa., which has raised up an eighteenth century statute to sustain its action.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

To Reward Missouri Soldiers.

A bill will be introduced in congress to grant certificates of discharge to a military organization known as Powell's Missouri battalion, an organization raised for the Mexican war. It was recruited throughout the state, and served through a portion of the Mexican war. The bill authorizes the granting of pension under the Mexican pension act. It was introduced in the last congress, and favorably reported, but was not reached for action by the house. The author of the bill is Representative Tarnsey. He will also introduce a bill to grant certificates of discharge to Foster's battalion of Missouri cavalry. It was raised by Maj. Emory Foster in Johnson county during the late war, and mustered into the service, but the original muster rolls were never filed in the war department, and the members have no standing as soldiers in the official records. It provides for the filing of duplicates of the original muster rolls and the recognition by the department of those who served in this battalion.

The annual meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy was held at St. Louis.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Howard, showed a balance in hand of over \$11,000. Mrs. E. H. Davis and Mrs. N. H. Knight of Clayton, brought in a check for \$1,025, realized by their auxiliary from the dinner at Creve Coeur, Mo., given for the benefit of the national house of representatives, held its first meeting, on the 7th, and elected R. W. Springer, son of Chairman Springer, as clerk.

At Rolling, Ala., on the 7th, a boiler in the saw mill of the Miller, Caldwell & Flowers Lumber Co., exploded, killing Engineer Cooper and three others and wounding four more. The mill is a total wreck, loss, \$25,000.

It is officially denied that King Leopold offered to act as mediator between France and Bulgaria.

HENRY ZOOBER has been arrested at Port Huron, Mich., charged with complicity in a robbery committed at Mansfield, O., on December 18, last, when a residence of Florio, who was entered and the woman terribly tortured until she disclosed the whereabouts of her valuables.

The body of Tewfik Pasha, the late khedive of Egypt, who died on the 7th, was taken from Cairo on the 8th, to Paris, where it was interred in a hand-some vault built by the khedive recently for the reception of his body and those of his family after their deaths.

The French agitators to secure the withdrawal of the British troops from Egypt will not succeed.

All the clergy connected with the cathedral at Treves are prostrated with influenza. Vicar-General Henke died on the 6th.

It was reported at Eagle Pass, Tex., on the 5th, that a detachment of Garza's men had met and defeated United States troops between that place and Laredo.

REV. J. F. ROBINSON, of Fremont, Neb., who has been running a mercantile business under the name of J. F. Robinson & Co., is charged by his partner with having embezzled \$4,500 of their joint funds.

THE boiler makers and iron-shop builders of Boston voted, on the 7th, to cooperate with the machinists of that city and vicinity in the effort to obtain a nine-hour day after May 1.

The archbishop of Mexico denied that the clergy are aiding the Garza revolution.

REMONS that the khedive of Egypt came to his death by foul means became so prevalent in Cairo that an investigation was ordered and resulted in a declaration by Dr. Comanos, who had charge of the investigation, that while death was caused by the prevalence of disease, the latter was undoubtedly accelerated by an overdose of morphia, administered to the sick man by Dr. Saleh Pasha, who, with Dr. Issa Bey, were the personal and private native physicians of the khedive.

ALLAN GODFREY, of London, Ont., and great-grand nephew of Gen. James Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia, has at length, after working up evidence to sustain a claim to the estate in Savannah, and perhaps in other parts of Georgia. He is about to begin a fight in England also for some property coming down from Gen. Oglethorpe.

The report that an expedition is being fitted out in this country by Italians for the purpose of overthrowing the present government of their country is positively denied by Mr. Hannibal Price, the Haitian minister at Washington.

The question of allowing Mexican troops to enter United States territory in pursuit of Garza and his band is pending, but the officials of the state and war departments refuse to say what action is likely to be taken in the matter.

DISPATCHES from Malta say that the British fleet at that place is in a state of weakness, caused by the prevalence of influenza, which might be compared to that of a fleet having passed through a severe engagement with an enemy.

EXCITEMENT over the rich discoveries of gold in the Cripple Creek (Col.) district is on the increase, and hundreds of gold hunters are daily passing through Florissant, Colo., into the new gold fields.

TURNS is much destitution in Quebec. A mass meeting of over 4,000 unemployed workmen has been held and resolutions adopted petitioning the government and city to provide them with work.

The village of Bischenwalden, Sillesia, was entirely destroyed by fire on the 10th. The inhabitants, in their homeless and destitute condition, are enduring much suffering.

LE MATIN asserts that the pope has written to the archbishop of Paris concerning the French bishops for their attitude toward the government.

SIXTY dead and 117 wounded is the awful result of the explosion in the coal mine at McAllister, I. T., on the 5th.

MISSOURI'S TREASURY.

State Treasurer Stephens Makes His Annual Statement to the Governor.

State Treasurer Lou V. Stephens, on the 5th, filed with Gov. Francis a statement showing the transactions of the treasury department for the year ended December 31, 1891. It is as follows: Balance in treasury January 1, 1891, \$84,435.57 Receipts from all sources, \$3,949,192.09 Transfers into different funds in 1891, 1,929,367.92 Total receipts into all funds in 1891, including transfers, \$5,783,000.58 Disbursements from all funds, \$4,456,220.00 Transfers from all funds, 1,929,367.92 Total disbursements from all funds, including transfers, \$6,385,587.92 Balance in treasury at the close of business, December 31, 1891, \$887,455.16 The above balance is held and deposited as follows: In treasury vault, \$ 3,770.14 In Union national bank, Kansas City, 10,859.63 In Franklin bank, St. Louis, 10,967.25 In Kansas City state bank, Kansas City, 10,772.92 In First national bank, Kansas City, 10,707.19 In First national bank, Jefferson City, 1,609.27 In Exchange bank, Jefferson City, 1,521.29 In Central national bank, Booneville, 1,627.10 \$87,455.16

The state is secured in the above deposits by United States, state of Missouri, city of St. Louis, and county funding bonds held by the state treasurer.

RECEIVED INTO THE REVENUE FUND. From current and delinquent taxes, \$3,949,192.09 From tax on organization of corporations, 124,810.00 From fees secretary of state (miscellaneous), 2,580.18 From notary public commissions, 2,580.18 From tax on foreign insurance companies, 62,279.29 From interest on state deposits, 13,727.74 From miscellaneous sources, 15,588.81 Total receipts revenue fund, \$4,230,747.32 Received into the interest fund, \$887,455.16

EXECUTORS' AND ADMINISTRATORS' FUND. Insurance department fund, 10,235.10 Militia fund, 2,580.18 Military fund, 2,580.18 Swamp land indemnity fund, 10,235.10 Colored institute fund, 4,235.10 Summary fund, 69,576.57 \$39,462.30

DISBURSEMENTS. From revenue fund, \$1,768,726.05 From interest fund, 10,123.62 From state fund, 2,580.18 From executors' and administrators' fund, 6,936.12 From insurance department fund, 15,399.14 From earnings Missouri state penitentiary, 10,235.10 From swamp land indemnity fund, 10,235.10 From sinking fund, 1,500,000.00 From state summary money, 1,500,000.00 \$4,622,300.39

REDUCTION OF STATE BONDED DEBT DURING 1891. 74 1/2 per cent. bonds redeemed, \$1,470,000.00 STATE BONDED DEBT, JANUARY 1, 1892. 74 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, \$ 74,000.00 24 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, 21,000.00 600 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, 600,000.00 308 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, 308,000.00 400 1/2 per cent. bonds, due Jan. 1, 1892, 400,000.00 70 1/2 per cent. N. W. mortgage bonds, due July 1, 1892, 70,000.00 80 1/2 per cent. bonds, due Jan. 1, 1892, 80,000.00 \$1,522,000.00

1,477 1/2 per cent. 5 1/2 per cent. bonds, due March 1, 1892, \$1,477,000.00 40 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, 40,000.00 700 1/2 per cent. 5 1/2 per cent. bonds, due July 1, 1892, 700,000.00 2,037 1/2 per cent. 5 1/2 per cent. bonds, due Jan. 1, 1892, 2,037,000.00

Total amount outstanding bonds, \$5,783,000.58 SCHOOL SEMINARY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS. School certificates, 5 per cent., \$2,000,000.00 School certificates, 5 per cent., 200,000.00 \$2,200,000.00

Seminary certificates, 5 per cent., \$15,000.00 Seminary certificates, 5 per cent., 15,000.00 Seminary certificates, university endowment, 5 per cent., 66,576.57 \$30,576.57

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Shelby	Adair	January 22-23
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Winona	Adair	February 4-5
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Rea	Adair	February 6-7
Oregon	Adair	February 7-8
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